

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application;

--1. (Currently Amended) A cover latch for a dispenser comprising:

a thin, plastic pull rod adapted for outward sliding movement relative to the dispenser,

a handle attached to one end to said pull rod and being elongated in a direction perpendicular to said pull rod so as to be grasped at respective ends simultaneously by left and right hands of a user;

a support member attached to another end of said pull rod and residing inside the dispenser;

a plurality of latches attached to said support member and having respective ramp surfaces sloping in a direction away from the end of said pull rod to which said handle is attached for engaging corresponding catches in the dispenser when said cover latch is in a locked position; and

a plurality of springs attached to said support member and having arms pointing in a direction toward the end of said pull rod to which said handle is attached for maintaining said cover latch in the locked position, wherein pulling said handle places said thin, plastic pull rod in tension and compresses the arms of said plurality of springs against an inner surface of a front wall of the dispenser and disengages said plurality of latches from the catches to allow a cover of the dispenser to be opened, and closing the cover re-engages

said plurality of latches and draws said handle against the dispenser.

--2. (Original) The cover latch as set forth in claim 1, further comprising:

an O-ring arranged around said pull rod to seal an opening in the dispenser through which said pull rod is pulled using said handle.

--3. (Original) The cover latch as set forth in claim 1, wherein

said handle is attached at its center to said pull rod.

--4. (Original) The cover latch as set forth in claim 1, wherein

said pull rod has a circular cross section.

--5. (Original) The cover latch as set forth in claim 1, wherein

said support member is formed in a shape of a letter U.

--6. (Currently Amended) The cover latch as set forth in claim 5, wherein

said pull rod is attached to a center of a bottom of said U-shaped support member,

~~said plurality of latches are attached to each arm of said U-shaped support member, oriented away from said pull rod; and~~

~~said plurality of springs are attached to the bottom of
said U-shaped support member, oriented toward said pull rod.~~

--7. (Cancelled)

--8. (Currently Amended) The cover latch as set forth in claim 1, wherein

~~said plurality of latches include latch ramps that slide~~
along the corresponding catches in the dispenser when a cover of the dispenser is being closed, thereby compressing the plurality of springs until the corresponding catches clear the latch ramps, thereby expanding the plurality of springs, moving the cover latch into the locked position and engaging the corresponding catches with said plurality of latches.

--9. (Original) The cover latch as set forth in claim 1, wherein

said handle and said pull rod are formed as a single unit.

--10. (Original) The cover latch as set forth in claim 1, wherein

said support member, said plurality of latches and said plurality of springs are formed as a single unit.